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1. In early November 1953, [ ] the ammunition depot at Gorgast near Kuestrin, which was constructed for the VP, was almost completed. A wooden kitchen building with administrative rooms, a wooden administrative building, a recreation building, two buildings for quarters, each 25 meters long, four watch towers with searchlights and a coal bunker were erected outside the moat. The whole installation was surrounded by a wire fence. The casemates in which artillery ammunition had been stored during the war had a 4-meter concrete ceiling covered by a 1-meter layer of earth.<sup>1</sup>

2. In early December, the depot for explosives at Gorgast had not yet been taken over by the VP. Finishing work was done by electricians.<sup>1</sup>

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4. At the beginning of December, about 9 x 85-mm AA guns, several 37-mm AA guns and several AT guns were under repair in the Strausberg ordnance repair shop. Rifles and submachine guns were repaired in hall No 1. The optical section was also housed in hall No 1. A monthly quota of about 12 guns of medium and heavy caliber were repaired at the workshop.<sup>3</sup>

5. In mid-December, the ordnance repair shop at Strausberg was operated by about 80 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Mortars of all caliber, small arms, AA guns and AT guns of various caliber were repaired at the shop. [ ]

6. At the beginning of December, a VP ordnance workshop subordinate to the HVDVP was located in Schoenebeck on the Elbe River. VP Meister Strauss (fnu) was in charge of the ordnance shop. [ ] the depot was supplied with automatic weapons by the KVP ordnance depot in Kirchmoeser.<sup>4</sup>

7. In mid-December, [ ] a VP central workshop for small arms was located at Heilmnitz Hof estate in Schoenebeck on the Elbe River.<sup>4</sup>

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8. In early November, the former concentration camp in Ravensbrueck near Fuerstenberg/Havel was occupied to capacity. Numerous trucks loaded with supply were daily seen entering and leaving the installation. In mid-November, a tank repair shop was located on the premises of the fibrin factory in Fuerstenberg/Havel.<sup>5</sup>

9. In early November, about 50 field kitchens stood ready for shipment in the VVB Sanar Plant for kitchen and hearth installation located on Strasse-Der-Befreiung in Koenigsbrueck.

10. In late December, the former German army clothing depot No II in Bernau still quartered a Soviet supply unit whose personnel wore red-bordered black epauletts. Large quantities of supply can be stored in the five large warehouses. A motor vehicle repair shop was housed on the premises of the former Bergmann-Borsig Plant adjacent to the clothing depot.

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11. [redacted] the vulcanizing shop in Granssee [redacted] seemed to additionally house a motor vehicle workshop.<sup>7</sup>

12. In mid-November, [redacted] a large Soviet clothing depot was located on the premises of the former Deutsche-Geraete Bau installation in Burgstaedt. Another depot storing signal equipment was located near the viaduct at Burgstaedt railroad station. A medical depot was stationed in "arkersdorf in mid-November. [redacted] German motor vehicles hauled drugs and medical equipment to the Soviet depot.<sup>8</sup>

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13. In early November, 32 trucks with van-like superstructure which were to be fitted with electrotechnical instruments stood in the workshop of the VEB Anlagen Bau, VEM, Magdeburg. Trucks for the KVP were allegedly equipped at the plant. Another 40 trucks and 40 trailers, all with van-like superstructure, were parked in the yard.<sup>9</sup>

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1. [redacted] Comment. The enlargement for the KVP of Gorgast ammunition depot was reported previously. [redacted]. The assignment of the depot could not be determined.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The motor vehicles belong to the GOFG and First Gds Mech Army.

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3. [redacted] Comment. Report again confirms the GOFG ordnance and equipment repair shop. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. Information is believed to refer to the former repair shop in Schoenebeck-Frohse which [redacted] was turned over to the KVP. The subordination of the depot is unknown [redacted]

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5. [redacted] Comment. The warehouse of the 5th Supply Unit of the Soviet trade section and the tank repair shop in Fuerstenberg are known.

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6. [redacted] Comment. Bernau is known as clothing depot of the GOFG. The motor vehicle repair shop referred to probably is a troop workshop. [redacted]

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7. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] a motor vehicle repair unit of the Second Gds Mech Army.

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25X1 8. Comment. Information again confirms the clothing depot, signal depot and medical depot of the Eighth Gds Army in Burgstaedt and Markersdorf.

25X1 9. Comment. The VEB Anlagenbau Magdeburg, VEM, is known as special plant for electrical installations. It is possible that the trucks mentioned are being equipped with special devices to serve as equipment trucks for the KVP.

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